

Application No. 10/778,014  
Amendment dated: April 7, 2006  
Reply to Office Action dated: February 10, 2006

### **REMARKS**

Claims 21-28, 31-35 and 37-48 are pending in the application. By this paper, claim 29 has been cancelled and claims 31, 32, 34, 37, 39 and 40 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and arguments herein is respectfully requested.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

According to the Office Action, the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 52072 to a non-elected invention. The office action has cancelled claims 52-72, which action affirmed. Applicants reserve the right to re-file these or other claims in a divisional application claiming priority of the present application.

#### **Objections to the Specification**

The specification stands objected to based on the recitation of several claims. Claims 31, 32, 34, 37, 39 and 40 have been amended to overcome the objections.

With respect to claim 31, claim 31 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 30 to claim 21. With respect to claims 34 and 37, these claims have been amended to recite "said shallow trench" to reflect the antecedent in claim 21. With respect to claim 40, the dependency of this claim has been changed to claim 21. No new matter is added by these amendments. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

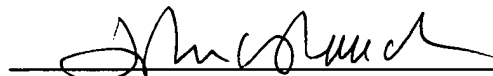
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Double Patenting

Claim 29 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 21. By this paper, claim 29 has been cancelled and claims 32, 34, 37 and 40 have been amended to be dependent from claim 21 instead of claim 29.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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